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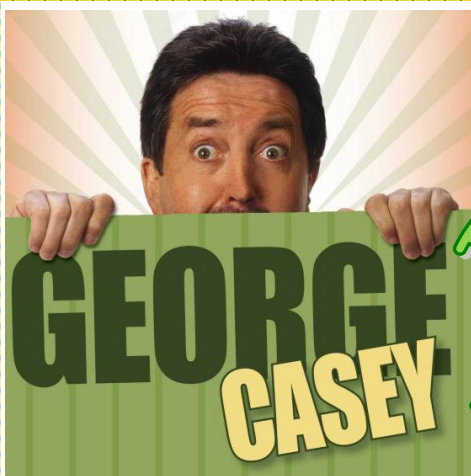
Dear Members,

Thanks for the big turnout at our February meeting and the wonderful entertainment provided by Bart Cournane. Thank you Bart. My thanks also to Ann Sullivan who donated her 50/50 winnings back to our Club.

The month of March will be busy for our Club: starting with our Irish Comedian George Casey on March 7th.; the monthly membership meeting March 13th; and the Tiki Hut Cape Coral March 15th where Bart Cournane will provide the entertainment.

We have our annual picnic on April 2nd. For information call Tom Sheehan 239-415-9554. The next event you do not want to miss! You may have heard this group at the Celtic Festival. A Father and his three Sons called "The Byrne Brothers from Ireland" they play all different instruments. They sing, dance, and play the bagpipes. They will perform at The Snappers Comedy Club on Monday April 3, 7:00 pm. For information call Kathy McAuliffe 703-728-9070.
Happy St. Patrick's Day

Mike Faherty
President



Irish Comedian
Hilariously Funny!

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Performance: 7:00pm-9:00pm

Open for Dinner: 5:30pm

Open Cash Bar

Only \$20.00!

Snappers Laugh In Comedy Café
8595 College Parkway
Fort Myers, FL 33913

For reservations:

Mike Faherty - 203-640-8927

Kathy McAuliffe - 703-728-9070

Joe Nolan - 516-263-5439



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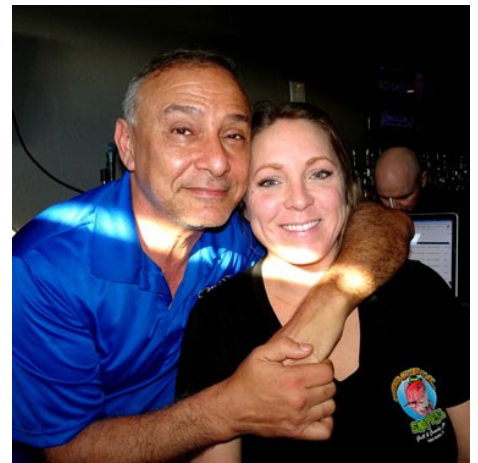


Good Craic!!



The Hooley

More Hooley



Mr. & Mrs. Nabil Basta,
Owners of Snappers!



Wow!! The
Byrne Brothers!!



You won't want to miss this event!! The Byrne Brothers are a multi award winning family band and Irish dancers from Donegal and one of the biggest names in traditional Irish music today. They will be performing just for us on:

April 3, 2023
Snapper's Comedy Cafe
7:00 P.M.



Admission: Members-\$20.00;

Non-Members-\$30.00

Reservations: Kathy McAuliffe-703-728-9070

Mike Faherty-203-640-8927

If you want to know what's going on in the club check out our website at:

<http://www.unitedirishofswflorida.com/events>



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 to receive shirt at March 13th meeting!
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- 3/7/23 Comedy Night-George Casey
- 3/13/23 General Membership Mtg.
- 3/15/23 Tiki Hut Cape Coral 1-4
- 3/17/23 St. Patrick's Day
- 4/2/23 Annual Picnic
- 4/3/23 Byrne Brothers
- 4/10/23 General Membership Mtg.

All General Meetings are held at
Snappers Laugh In Comedy Café
8595 College Parkway, Suite 270
Fort Myers, FL 33913
(239) 479-5233
Meetings at 7:00 P.M.
Come at 5:30 for food & drink!

PICNIC
Picnic Point
The Landings
With Tommy Barr

April 2, 2023
2:00 p.m.

Members-\$15.00
Guests-\$25.00

Food and entertainment provided,
BYOB for beverages.

Reservations:

Tom Sheehan-239-415-9554

You won't get in without a reservation



Elections for Board Members whose terms have expired, and the Executive Committee whose terms expire every year will be held at the March meeting.

Our Election Chairpersons, James Wright and Dan McAuliffe are compiling a list of individuals interested in a position on either the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee. Please, if you are, or if you know someone who is interested in one of these positions, please contact our Chairpersons, James Wright 631-671-1035 (email jmw217@aol.com); or Dan McAuliffe 703-554-9598.

The positions for election which are coming up for the Executive Committee are: President, Mike Faherty; Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe; Treasurer, Bill McAfee; and Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee.

We have one position on the Board open.

We respect and appreciate your considering a position of leadership to assist our Club.



Welcome

WELCOME TO OUR
NEWEST MEMBERS:
IF YOU GET A CHANCE,
BE SURE TO BID THEM
WELCOME!

- MICHAEL & ALICE GARGUILO
- AINE & DENNIS LAVOIE
- JOHN & MARILYN LEE
- MICHAEL & DIANE LEE
- TIM & KATHLEEN McDONALD
- PHILIP & EILEEN MCMANUS
- ALAN & ANN POWER
- TERRY THORNTON &
LISA BARCHITTA
- MARGARET WENDEL
- WILLIAM & ELLEN WILLSON

Member Updates



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| Pat Dempsey | Pete Minogue |
| Patrick Flynn | John O'Connor |
| Joe Gazdik | Colleen Reynolds |
| John Harrahy | Jim Smith |
| Eileen Heffernan | Elaine Smith |
| Chris Klesius | Michael Suozzi |
| Ann McKenna | Mary McTague |
| Bernie McLoughlin | |

*WE COULDN'T DO IT
WITHOUT YOU!*
A Very Special Thanks
to Our New Patrons:

- Michael & Rory Davies
- Michael & Alice Garguilo
- Aine & Dennis LaVoie
- Michael & Carol Mikos
- Alan & Ann Power
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United Irish of Southwest Florida
General Membership Meeting
February 13, 2023

Executive Committee present: President, Mike Faherty; Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe; and Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee. Board Members present: Chairman, Joe Nolan; Tom Sheehan and Membership Chairman, Anne Marie Farrell.

The meeting was drawn to order with 41 members at 7:15 P.M. by President, Mike Faherty, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Lord's Prayer.

Visitors and new members were warmly welcomed by the membership.

Mr. Faherty explained the procedure for our meetings for the new members. Mike further said that he felt the Hooley was quite successful, stating the food was very good and the music of Harry Boyle excellent.

Secretary, Ruth Ann McAfee was asked for her report. Ms. McAfee requested a motion to approve the minutes for the January meeting as published in the February Newsletter. Tom Sheehan motioned for approval and Joyce Harray seconded the motion.

Membership Chairman, Anne Marie Farrell was asked for an update on membership. Anne Marie stated we presently have 123 members. In addition, Ms. Farrell stated her goal is to get 150 members.

Chairman of the Board, Joe Nolan was asked to say a few words. Joe began his statement with a promise that if he is elected, he would take over the "Our Father" (Lord's Prayer) with the knowledge that President, Mike Faherty leads the membership in opening statements with the Lord's Prayer so quickly members cannot keep up with him.

Mr. Faherty recapped the club's experience with the Caloosahatchee Celtic Festival, stating it was a wonderful event and we as a club will continue to participate in that function every year.

In New Business, Mike discussed the George Casey Comedy Event. Mr. Faherty expounded on the talent of Mr. Casey and described his performance as funny, clean fun. The event will be on March 7th, and Mike provided details as to the place, time, and cost.

Mr. Faherty enlightened the membership on an event the Club is considering, Music Bingo. Mike went on to describe the game and stated his hesitation as to whether the membership would be interested in an event such as this. He further stated that Mr. Basta of Snapper's is the person who brought it to his attention

and would like for our club to consider it for an event.

The next subject for New Business is a club-sponsored afternoon gathering at the Tiki Hut in Cape Coral. Joe Nolan stated that Harry Boyle will be the entertainment, and the Club would like to schedule it toward the middle or end of March. More detail will be forthcoming.

Mike introduced Board member, Tom Sheehan and asked that he update the membership on the annual picnic which is and has been supervised by Mr. Sheehan for several years. Mr. Sheehan gave details as to the food, the entertainment, and process of arriving at the Landings, Picnic Point. Tom explained that the Club would provide the food, however, it will be a BYOB event, and attendees are encouraged to bring their own drinks. The membership was requested, if they choose, to bring a dessert for all to share. The price for members will be \$15.00, and guests of members are invited but will have to pay \$25.00. Tom further explained that only those members who have signed up and paid will be admitted to the event. There will be "no walk-ins" allowed. The Picnic is on April 2nd at 2:00 p.m. Mr. Sheehan ended by pleading for attendees to the picnic to not arrive before 1:30 p.m.

Mike Faherty introduced the next speaker, Vice President, Kathy McAuliffe to update the membership on the Club t-shirt and jacket being prepared especially for the Club. Ms. McAuliffe described the shirts and informed the membership that order forms have been provided and to please, if they want a shirt or two or three, to fill out the form and provide the money to her as soon as possible so she can get them to the retailer.

Kathy spoke about having the Byrne Brothers perform at a Club-sponsored function on April 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Snapper's. She further explained that the group will entertain and give a presentation on the tour to Ireland they sponsor every year.

Mr. Faherty explained the up-coming elections and clarified that Dan McAuliffe is the election chairman and Mike requested anyone who is interested in a position of leadership in the Club to contact Dan.

In follow-up, Mr. Faherty explained that prices for entertainment have increased, and thus we as a club, need to raise our prices for our events.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was closed at 7:40 p.m., and the floor was turned over to Bart Cour-nane.

The 50/50 was drawn and Ann Sullivan returned her winnings to the club. Thank you Ann!!

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St. Patrick's
Day!

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